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1. DCM MADE PRESENTATION AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL TO
MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS GARDINI
MARCH 10. GARDINI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE BRIEFING
AND GENERAL SUPPORT FOR US POSITION. HE SAID THAT GOI
WOULD CONSIDER MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENT ALONG LINES

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SUGGESTED. HE ADDED THAT ITALIANS SUPPORT IDEA OF
OBSERVER FORCE AND THINK COMPOSITION SHOULD BE MAINLY
AFRICAN, WHETHER IT IS FORMED UNDER AUSPICES OF OAU OR UN.

2. AS TO CUBAN PRESENCE IN EHTIOPIA, GARDINI SAID THAT
CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO ITALY MET IN LAST FEW DAYS WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER FORMLANI AND ASSURED FORLANI THAT CUBANS

WOULD NOT CROSS SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN BORDER AND THAT THEY
WOULD NOT AID ETHIOPIANS IN STRUGGLE AGAINST ERITREANS
(BECAUSE OF IDEOLOICAL TIES BETWEEN CUBANS AND
ERITREAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS). CUBAN AMBASSADOR, ACCORDING
TO GARDINI, SAID THAT SIMILAR ASSURANCES HAD BEEN GIVEN
TO USG AND THAT CUBANS DO NOT EXPECT ETHIOPIAN EPISODE
TO IMPEDE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION OF US-CUBAN RELATIONS.GARDNER

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